Radio and Electrical Manufacturing Co.

183. Sri M. S. KRISHNAN (Malleswaram).—

Will the Minister for Industries, Information and Publicity be pleased to stata;—

(*a*) whether the Government is proposing to see the REMCO where the Government holds majority shares, is sold over to some private Industries ;

(*b*) if not, in view of the position of the company, whether Government has any proposal for handing it (REMCO) over to a similar public sector industry ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHRA MURTHY (Minister for Industries, Information and Publicity).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

2-30 P.M.

There is one small amendment to the printed answer Sir.—

A representation was made by the Labour Uuion of the REMCO on 8th February and on 12th February we have made a proposal to the Government of India, Defence Department, stating that we are prepared to transfer the financial interest of the REMCO provided the Government of India are going to take over and run it in collaboration with the BEL, which is a public sector undertaking.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್.—ಮುಫ್ ಕಂಪೆನಿಯವರು ನೋಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಹೋದರು, ನಂತರ ತಿರುವಾಂಕೂರು ಎಳೆಯರಾಜರು ನೋಡಿಕೊಂಡುಹೋದರು. ಈಗ ಅವರಿಬ್ಬರನ್ನೂ ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಬಿರ್ಲಾರವರು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆಂಬುದು ಗೊತ್ತಿದೆಯೇ ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—There is no such proposal before the Government.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್.—ಒಂದು ಪಕ್ಷ ಬಿ. ಇ. ಎಲ್. ನವರು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ತಯಾರಿಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದರೆ REMCOದಲ್ಲಿ ತಯಾರುಮಾಡುವ ಸಾಮಾನುಗಳನ್ನು ಬೇರೆ ಕಡೆ ತಯಾರು ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಒತ್ತಾಯಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—The Company is negotiating with B.E.L with a request to give over all their work to REMCO so that REMCO may get some work from the existing industry in the public sector.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SHETTY.—Is it not a fact that the REMCO has got an agreement with so many ancillary industries fixing a time limit and if this comes about, it is going aginst the agreement Sir ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—REMCO has not been able to sell all the goods that are produced. It is not working to the full capacity. The Planning Commission has fixed a target of two Million meters but the off-take in the country is only 50 per cent. Therefore the Company has not been able to sell all the goods. Naturally some of the contracts will have to be cancelled.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್.—REMCO ತಯಾರಿಸುವ ಮೀಟರಿನ ಬೆಲೆ ಬಿರ್ಲಾರವರು ತಯಾರಿಸುವ ಮೀಟರಿಗಿಂತ ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ ನಷ್ಟವಾಗದಂತೆ ಅಖಿಲಭಾರತ ಮಟ್ಟದಲ್ಲಿ ಮೀಟರುಗಳನ್ನು ತಯಾರಿಸಿ ಏಕರೂಪವಾದ ಬೆಲೆಗೆ ಮಾರಾಟಮಾಡುವಂತೆ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಡ ಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರಕಾರವನ್ನು ಒತ್ತಾಯಮಾಡಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವೇ ?

Sri M. RAJASEHARA MURTHY.—The suggestion of the hon. Member is not practicable Sir, the Government of India has licenced more units for the production of energy meters. Practically six units have been closed in India and Remco and two other units, namely the Andhra Electrical Equipment Corporation and the Universal Electrical Company are continuing. The cost of production is 38, market rate is 31. The company has not been able to meet the competition in the market. So it is running under loss.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Is it not a fact that the Birlas are the greatest competitors to REMCO and it is due to their competition, that REMCO is suffering loss ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY.—I have already named two companies which belong to Birlas.

Submerged Areas of the "Sharavathi Project"

252. Sri N. G. HALAPPA (Channagiri).—

Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the extent of the land together with its location reserved for the ryots of submerged area of the 'Shravathi Project' in Bhadravathi taluk;

(*b*) the extent of the land that has already been granted to the said ryots;

(*c*) whether the grant of land is a conditional one; if so, the conditions attached to the grant;

(*d*) whether these lands have been alienated violating the conditions; and if so, the action Goverment proposed to take in the matter ?

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) 5,656-36 acres.

(*Vide* Statement appended).